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Bilateral reductions of strategic nuclear arms and the new framework for strategic relations

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 59/94 of 3 December 2004 and other relevant resolutions,

Noting with satisfaction the establishment of a new strategic relationship between the Russian Federation and the United States of America, based on the principles of indivisible security, trust, openness, predictability and cooperation, and also the desire of the two countries to bring their respective nuclear postures into alignment with this new relationship, and their endeavour to reduce further the role and importance of nuclear weapons,

Welcoming the resolve of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to work together and with other States and international organizations in the interests of fulfilling their obligations under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which was opened for signature on 1 July 1968,[1]

Taking into consideration the obligation of all States parties to the NPT to fulfil their obligations under the Treaty,

Recognizing also the importance of the Treaty on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START),[2] which has expired, and welcoming the fulfilment by Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and Ukraine of the obligations which they undertook in accordance with the START Treaty,

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

[2] *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 16: 1991 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.IX.1), appendix II.

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Stressing the importance of the reaffirmation, in the Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the United States of America of 4 December 2009 on the Expiration of the START Treaty, of the security assurances for Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine recorded in the Budapest Memoranda of 5 December 1994,

Recognizing also the importance of the Treaty on Strategic Offensive Reductions (the SORT Treaty), and welcoming the fulfilment by the Russian Federation and the United States of America of the obligations which they undertook in accordance with the SORT Treaty,

Noting the growing cooperation between the Russian Federation and the United States of America with respect to countering serious challenges to international security, which was demonstrated, in particular, by their joint efforts to implement Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) of 28 April 2004, to launch and give substance to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, and to enhance nuclear security and to convert research reactors in third countries,

1. *Welcomes* the signing of the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (the New START Treaty) on 8 April 2010;

2. *Notes* that the United States of America and the Russian Federation are committed to continuing the development of a new strategic relationship based on mutual trust, openness, predictability and cooperation by following up on the successful negotiation of the New START Treaty, and expresses the hope for continuation of a constructive dialogue between the two countries on the basis of fundamental principles stated in the preamble of the New START Treaty;

3. *Supports* the consistent commitment of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the continuation of efforts for reducing strategic offensive arms, and recognizes that the New START Treaty will foster the development of more favourable conditions for actively promoting security and cooperation and strengthening international stability;

4. *Recognizes* the importance of the contributions made by Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and Ukraine, as States parties to the START Treaty, to nuclear disarmament as part of their commitment to fulfilling their obligations under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;[1]

5. *Welcomes* the fact that the successful implementation of the START Treaty by the parties resulted in the reduction of their deployed strategic nuclear weapons by approximately 30 per cent during the fifteen-year span of the Treaty, thereby promoting security and cooperation and strengthening international stability;

6. *Expresses the hope* that the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, opened for signature on 24 September 1996,[3] will enter into force at an early date;

7. *Notes with approval* that the Russian Federation and the United States of America have stopped the production of fissile materials for use in nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, expresses support for the early commencement of international negotiations within the framework of an approved programme of

[3] See resolution 50/245.

work of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva for the conclusion of a verifiable treaty to end the production of fissile materials for use in nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and encourages States to engage the International Atomic Energy Agency to monitor fissile material designated by States as no longer required for military purposes;

8. *Deeply appreciates*, in this context, the implementation of the 1993 Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United States of America concerning the Disposition of Highly Enriched Uranium Extracted from Nuclear Weapons, under which more than 400 tons of Russian highly enriched uranium have been blended down for use as power reactor fuel in the United States of America, and the fact that, in accordance with this Agreement, the quantity of highly enriched uranium will total 500 tons;

9. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the implementation, given dependable funding, of the 2000 Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United States of America concerning the Management and Disposition of Plutonium Designated as No Longer Required for Defence Purposes and Related Cooperation, as reflected in the Protocol to amend the Agreement signed by the Secretary of State of the United States, Hillary Clinton, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, S. V. Lavrov, on 13 April 2010;

10. *Suggests* that the Russian Federation and the United States of America continue appropriately to notify other States Members of the United Nations concerning their nuclear arms reduction activities;

11. *Notes* the growing expectations of the international community that progress will continue to be made on nuclear disarmament, expresses support for current and future efforts in this area, and calls upon all States Members of the United Nations, and above all those which possess nuclear arsenals, to make an active contribution to the disarmament process.